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TAGS: PEPR IN US

SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS REPORTS DUBS TESTIMONY

1. THE DELHI PRESS GAVE WIDE COVERAGE MARCH 28 TO A SAMACHAR REPORT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS' TESTIMONY ON AID TO INDIA BEFORE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. OF THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTED:

-- WHY HAD NOT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ACTED ON PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S REPORTED OFFER TO PLAY INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ISSUE?

-- HOW COULD THE US JUSTIFY NOT SELLING FIGHTER PLANES TO PAKISTAN IF INDIA ACQUIRED A DPSA? (DUBS REPORTEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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REPLIED THAT GOI HAD APPARENTLY NOT YET DECIDED TO ACQUIRE A DPSA.)

-- WHY CONTINUE PROVIDING PL 480 ASSISTANCE TO INDIA WHEN THAT COUNTRY IS IN A STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION?

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME

MINISTER DESAI HAD EXCHANGED IDEAS ON THE SUBJECT OF DISARMAMENT.

2. THE SAMACHAR REPORT EDITORIALIZED THAT "WHILE THE QUESTIONS WERE SEARCHING, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS NOT ANTI-INDIA."

3. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL BE TRANSMITTING REPORT OF TESTIMONY.

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